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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 54: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING

1. AMBASSADOR MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH SECGOV MOYA THIS AFTERNOON TO TAKE STOCK AND EXCHANGE IMPRESSIONS ON CASE. HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS:

2. MOYA ACKNOWLEDGED LEGITMACY OUR COMPLAINT RE LEAKS OF GOM OFFICIALS' STATEMENTS SUPPORTING HOAX THEORY AND RECOGNIZED THIS NOT CORRECT PUBLIC LINE FOR GOM TO FOLLOW. HE NEVERTHELESS CONTINUED TO CONSIDER HOAX AS STRONG POSSIBILITY. HE SAID HE HAS NEVER SEEN SIMILAR CASE, IS MYSTIFIED ON QUESTION OF MOTIVE. HE BELIEVES MRS. ANDRA PATTERSON KNOWS MUCH MORE THAN SHE HAS REVEALED. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY FOR A MOMENT THAT PATTERSON MAY HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY AND STILL IN MORTAL DANGER.

3. LEADS BEING FOLLOWED IN MEXICO AND THE U.S. WERE DISCUSSED. MOYA SAID THE GOM CONTINUES READY TO DO ANYTHING IT APPROPRIATELY CAN TO RESOLVE THE CASE. THOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION MONEY, THIS COMMENT SEEMED TO RE-OPEN THE DOOR TO POSSIBLE GOM FINANCIAL SUPPORT IF NECESSARY TO PAY A RANSOM.

4. MOYA SAID HE WAS WITHDRAWING NAZAR FROM HERMOSILLO (THOUGH NAZAR'S TEAM WILL REMAIN IN HERMOSILLO AND NAZAR WILL CONTINUE IN CHARGE OF THE CASE FROM MEXICO CITY). NAZAR IS NEEDED FOR OTHER MORE IMPORTANT NATIONAL DUTIES, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF

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SECRETARY KISSENGER. MOYA AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT NAZAR WOULD

RETURN TO HERMOSILLO IF THE NEED AROSE.

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